



Docket No. 1760.2.27A

## INVENTORS' DECLARATION FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION

Application of **Paul E. Madden et al.** filed \_\_\_\_\_, 2001.

As below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses, and citizenship are as stated below next to our names; we believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **BOOTING AN OPERATING SYSTEM OR RUNNING OTHER PRE-BOOT CODE FROM A FILE STORED UNDER A DIFFERENT OPERATING SYSTEM**, the specification of which is attached hereto; we have reviewed and understand the contents of said specification, including the claims; and we acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

We claim the claim the benefit, to the extent possible under 35 United States Code § 119(e) and otherwise, of United States provisional application serial no. 60/183,725 filed February 19, 2000.

As named inventors, we hereby appoint the following registered practitioners to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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